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Statement by High-Speed Rail Authority Chairman Curt Pringle on the Passing of Former Board Member Tom “T.J.” Stapleton

“California’s high-speed train project is so close to reality today because of the hard work and dedication of so many people who have believed in the project. Tom “T.J.” Stapleton is one of those dedicated supporters without whom this project would not have been possible. The High-Speed Rail Authority is saddened to hear of Mr. Stapleton’s passing. But we will honor his memory by continuing to work hard toward building high-speed rail in California and building it right. We are also honored by the tremendous support the project has from the labor community, of which Mr. Stapleton was a strong representative and without whom the tremendous labor support for high-speed rail would not have been possible. The Authority Board and its staff hold Mr. Stapleton’s family and loved ones in our thoughts and prayers.”

T.J. Stapleton is a former Vice President of the International Union of Operating Engineers in America and active advocate of transportation infrastructure who served on the Board of the California High-Speed Rail Authority until 2008.

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